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DISEASE OF ABNORMAL CARBOHYDRATE METABOLISM", which is
incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6, 7, 10, 17, 19, 20, and 21.

Please amend the claims as follows. Note that for the Examiner's convenience, all the claims, even those that have not been modified, have been reproduced below.

1. (Reiterated) A method to protect an obligate carnivore from a disease of abnormal carbohydrate metabolism, said method comprising feeding said obligate carnivore a nutritionally balanced diet comprising a protein content of from about 30% to about 70% on a dry matter basis, a fat content amount of from about 10% to about 40% on a dry matter basis, and a carbohydrate content of not more than about 12% on a dry matter basis.
2. (Reiterated) The method of Claim 1, wherein said obligate carnivore is selected from the group consisting of Felids, Hyaenids, Viverrids, and obligately carnivorous Mustelids.
3. (Reiterated) The method of Claim 1, wherein said obligate carnivore is selected from the group consisting of *Felis domesticus*, *Felis silvestris*, *Panthera leo*, *Panthera tigris*, *Panthera pardus*, *Puma concolor*, *Crocuta crocuta*, *Hyaena hyaena*, and *Putorius furo*.
4. (Reiterated) The method of Claim 1, wherein said carbohydrate content is not more than about 6% on a dry matter basis.
5. (Reiterated) The method of Claim 1, wherein said carbohydrate content is not more than about 2% on a dry matter basis.